

KEEP TALKING

In this special Fourth of July message, Pastor Todd explored our nation's spiritual heritage, the power of prayer, and the hope that comes when God's people seek His face. Use this guide to keep talking about what God revealed to you.

SERMON HIGHLIGHTS

- Throughout our nation's history, men and women have been used by God to call us back to God.
- Abraham Lincoln once prayed this: *"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God... We have forgotten the Hand which preserved us in peace... Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient... Too proud to pray to the God that made us!"*
- History belongs to the prayer warriors—and so does the future.

KEY SCRIPTURES

- 2 Chronicles 7:15
- Psalm 105:5
- Psalm 103:2

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- What's a tradition or activity you look forward to every Fourth of July (cookouts, fireworks, baseball games, beach trips, etc.)?

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- What was your biggest takeaway from this message?
- Pastor Todd reminded us that "nobody drifts toward God accidentally." What are some habits or rhythms that help you stay close to God when life gets busy?
- Prayer isn't just *talking* to God—it's *depending* on God. What is one area of your life where you need to rely on Him more instead of relying on yourself?
- Read Psalm 103:2. Where do you need to be more intentional about remembering God's faithfulness?
- Pastor Todd asked, "Who will benefit from the prayers you're praying today?" Who are you praying for right now, and how could your prayers make an impact beyond what you can see?

KEEP IT GOING

- Set aside a few extra minutes each day this week to pray—not just for your own needs, but for your family, our church, our community, and our nation. Let's be people who seek God's presence before seeking His provision.

PRAYER

Father, thank You for hearing our prayers. Forgive us for the times we've relied on ourselves and forgotten You. Help us remember Your faithfulness. May our lives, our families, our church, and our nation be changed because we sought Your face. We love You. Amen.